

The Stray Puppy

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Lisa was sleeping when suddenly she heard a small whimpering noise outside her window. *I wonder what's making that noise*, she thought to herself. Lisa got out of bed and saw a small brown puppy sitting under her window. "Mom," yelled Lisa. "There's a puppy outside the bedroom window, and it's crying." Mom and Lisa went outside to take a look and saw the cute, but very scared, puppy sitting on the grass next to mom's rosebushes. "She looks hungry," said Mom. "Let's give her something to eat." Mom and Lisa had some dog food on the shelf in the garage from when their dog, Roger, was with them. Roger had been sick for a long time. The puppy ate the food and drank some water. Her whimpering had stopped.



Mom told Lisa to see if the puppy had a collar that might tell them where she lived. There wasn't any collar." "We can't let her stay outside," said Lisa. Mom agreed, and they brought the puppy inside for the day. "I think we need to make some posters and place them around the neighborhood," said Mom. Lisa agreed, and they put six posters around the busiest parts of town. Three days went by and no one called or stopped by to claim the puppy. Mom said to Lisa, "I think someone didn't want the puppy and decided to let her go hoping someone would take her in." "That's terrible!" said Lisa. "How can someone do something like that?" "Can we keep her if no one calls about her?" "Let's see what happens in the next few days," said Mom. Two weeks passed, and no one called about the puppy. "I think we had better name this cute puppy," said Mom. "Any ideas?" Lisa thought for a while and finally said, "Let's name her Rosy." "Why Rosy?" asked mom. Lisa said, "When I first saw her, she was by the rosebushes outside." "What a clever name," said Mom. "Rosy it is." That day, Mom and Lisa went to the store and bought Rosy a leash, a puppy bed, some toys, and a cute sweater for those chilly days ahead. Lisa played with Rosy every day and went for walks in the park. Lisa loved giving Rosy a bath because she splashed water everywhere.

"I know it wasn't a nice thing to do leaving Rosy, but I'm glad she was left by our house," said Lisa. Mom and Lisa had talked about getting another dog after Roger, but didn't expect to get one this way. "I'm glad too," said Mom. "Rosy is a very cute dog."

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 - B. Eight
 - C. Ten
 - D. Six

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